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## CONGRESSMAN BOOHER RETURNS AFTER A NINE MONTHS' SESSION

### Was a Congress at Which Measures of Unusual Importance Were Made Into Law

### And These Democratic Measures As Passed Are For the Benefit of All of the People

Congressman Charles F. Booher returned this week from Washington, where he has been continuously since the first week in last December, when he left here. He was steadily at his post ever since, not once returning home during the nine months' session. He returned this week in order to see his daughter, Mrs. Hines of Kansas City, who with her husband and little son left Thursday for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where Mr. Hines, who is an electrical and mechanical contracting engineer, has secured some large contracts.

Congressman Booher is looking well and feeling the same way. He proposes to take an active part in the coming campaign. Asked as to how the work of congress had progressed he said:

#### Glad to Be at Home

"After a long and arduous session of congress, lasting over nine months, I am very glad to again be at home among the people of the Fourth district and to meet my friends and give an account of my stewardship. I shall remain at home and engage in the campaign until just before December first, next, when congress will again convene.

"You ask me what I regard as the principal achievements of the session of congress just closed. Congress devoted a great deal of time to the question of national defense. Appropriations were made for the army and navy sufficient to give us an army and navy large enough for all practical purposes. There was much diversity of opinion upon this important question. The extreme peace man was

tical purposes.

#### A Promise Fulfilled

"The rural credits law had been promised the people of this country for the past twenty years, and nothing tangible was produced until the last session of congress. A committee is now in the field investigating the different communities that are applicants for the establishment of a farm loan bank. I am led to believe, from what I know of the situation, that the city of St. Joseph stands a fair chance of being selected as a location for one of these banks.

"The farm loan bill, in many sections of our country, will bring cheap money to the small farmer as well as to the large one. It was not a party vote that adopted this bill, notwithstanding the Republican platform says it is a makeshift.

"The child labor law is a long step forward on the part of the government in the interest of children. All right-minded people must certainly be in favor of this law. This law was urged by all thoughtful people who have at heart the care, welfare and education of the children of our land.

#### The Mexican Situation

"I believe the president is handling the Mexican situation in the best possible manner. The Mexican people have a right to work out their own salvation, and this, the leading republic of the world, ought not to begin a war of conquest against them, but, on the contrary, should do everything possible to bring about a better understanding between this poverty stricken, wretched country and ours.

"The strike situation was a trouble-

that is just exactly what this administration is doing. The legislation adopted was simply temporary; an investigation will be made by disinterested men; a report will be made to congress early in December, when legislation of a permanent nature will be passed.

#### Three to Be Considered

"There are three parties to be considered in all legislation that may be had tending to prevent trouble between employers and employees. The Republican candidate seems to forget the third party entirely, i. e., the people at large. To have permitted this strike to have come upon the country would have meant ruin to thousands of people and starvation in our large cities for the poor. The president did the right thing and will receive the approval of the country at large.

"We must not overlook the fact that seventy Republicans in the house of representatives, including the former speaker, Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, voted for the strike bill, and only fifty-four voted against it. I mention this vote for the purpose of showing to the people at large that congress looked at it from the broad plain of protection to the rights of all parties concerned. When permanent legislation is had upon this question, no difference what party is in power, the rights of the people, the rights of the railroads and the rights of the employees will be carefully guarded and protected.

#### The Country's Revenues

"The revenue bill that congress passed places the burden of expenditures for the army and navy where they ought to be. The inheritance tax is a just tax and was recommended by Ex-President Taft when he called congress together in April, 1909, to revise the tariff downward; but they revised it upward. The house of representatives at that time passed the inheritance tax without opposition and it went to the senate and was stricken out of the bill through the influence of Senator Aldrich and a corporation tax inserted in lieu of it. This bill exempts all the estates up to \$50,000 and exempts all debts that may be owed by the estates.

"A great deal of other important legislation has been had with which the people are familiar.

#### Republicans Have No Issue

"The Republican party has no issue in this campaign. It does not in its platform or through its candidates and speakers offer any affirmative relief for any imaginary evil they pretend to know about. It is a campaign of criticism and dodging. They claim to be the only patriotic and smart people on earth. They do not say they would repeal a single law that has been passed while President Wilson has been in the White House and congress has been Democratic; they simply content themselves by saying they are a makeshift. What they would do under like circumstances we can only judge by their past conduct. They would have done nothing but permitted Wall street to govern the country as it did for years prior to March 4, 1913. What they would do in Mexico they do not say. If President Wilson's Mexican policy is wrong, why do they not suggest something else? If they are the only people who know how to control the situation, and they would tell it, the people would certainly give them credit.

#### Wilson a Great President

"The American people realize that no president since the days of Washington has had to meet so many and vexatious diplomatic questions as has President Wilson, and no man could have been more successful than has he. He has maintained the dignity and honor and credit of our nation in all things. Above and beyond it all, he has kept this nation out of war, and the opportunities presented to him to plunge this nation in the contest in Europe and in war with Mexico were many. It took a firm hand and a cool brain to protect the country against the calamity of war; and these qualities President Wilson possessed to a marvelous degree. He has won every diplomatic contest growing out of the European war and won them because his position was right. He has earned the gratitude and support of all right-thinking Americans, and we are all Americans in this country today. No man can claim above another that he is an 'undiluted' American. It is but natural for our citizens of foreign birth to sympathize with their mother country. It would be asking too much of human nature to ask them to do the contrary, but in the final analysis the foreign born citizen is an American and will stand for the rights of the American citizen on land and sea.

"All indications point to the re-election of President Wilson and a Democratic congress, so the work of reform

and progress may go steadily onward until all the unjust legislation of sixteen years during the rule of the standpatter has come to an end."

#### MUST SAY SO HIMSELF

Until Judge Woodson Gives Other Information the Public Will Not Believe He Decides Cases Without Hearing

"Craig took office on a certificate from the governor issued on the original count. I decided that Nash was entitled to the office, and even had to go so far as to put Craig in jail for disobeying my orders. I decided that there should be no supersedeas while the case was pending settlement in the supreme court, and the supreme court affirmed me. So far as I know, this is the only case similar in any way to the police case. I don't think the ousted police officers have the slightest chance of winning in the supreme court. I think they are out and will remain out."—Purported interview with Supreme Judge A. M. Woodson in Monday afternoon paper.

The above alleged interview with Judge A. M. Woodson of the Missouri supreme court, before which the Crandell ouster proceedings were filed, was printed Monday afternoon in a St. Joseph paper.

Judge A. M. Woodson was at that time confined to his room in a St. Joseph hospital recovering from the effects of a surgical operation. Judge Woodson's legions of friends in St. Joseph and all over Missouri cannot believe that Judge Woodson made any such statement as the two concluding sentences of the purported interview. They cannot bring themselves to think that the judge, whom all St. Joseph and whom all Missouri knows, would determine and pass judgment on a case that was to come before him judicially before he had heard the evidence or before it was submitted to him.

They cannot believe that he, above all other judges, would give his decision in a case which involves all of the people of St. Joseph (his home city) to a newspaper reporter and give it in advance of a hearing of the case and only on the reports that he may have read in hostile newspapers or have had poured into his ears by hostile interests or people.

Hundreds of people in St. Joseph do not like Dr. Crandell—he has hundreds of enemies, the majority of whom were made that way because they could not use him—but that fact does not enter into the matter or question of why, when Crandell has a case in the supreme court of the state he should not have a hearing on the merits of his case.

The people of St. Joseph, irrespective of their likes and dislikes for Dr. Crandell, do not want to believe this newspaper interview. They do not want to believe that Judge Woodson decides cases before they come before him or the court over which he presides, and they are going to wait until Judge Woodson recovers from his illness and tells them himself before they pass judgment.

#### WILL OPEN TUESDAY

The Democratic State Campaign to Be Inaugurated at Joplin Next Week

The Democrats of Missouri will open the state campaign in proper shape at Joplin next Tuesday. From that time on the war will be waged with unrelenting vigor. The speakers who will be the principal attraction at Joplin will be Vice-President Marshall and United States Senator James A. Reed, and there will be other noted orators. James Cowgill, chairman of the Democratic state committee, has named Secretary of State Cornelius Roach, Samuel Lazarus and former Governor Lon V. Stephens of St. Louis as members of the executive committee. Four members of the state committee will also serve on this committee. They are E. H. Bullock of Edina; Major Lilly, Moberly; A. Musser, Holden; and James Booth of Pacific. Cowgill is ex-officio chairman of the executive committee.

About 4,000 pupils commenced school in the rural schools of Buchanan County this week.

## SLUG SLAVIN SAYS WE HAVE JUDASES

### And Accordingly Pays His Respects to the "Disloyals" and Their Partners

### AND TELLS THEM SO IN THE VERNACULAR

He Believes that the "Terrible Scandal" that Candidate Hughes Has Stirred Up Over the Firing of an Incompetent Would Have Been Avoided if the Said Incompetent Had Been Given His Release Earlier from the Government Pay Roll and Set to Earning an Honest Living.

"Say, d'ya know sometimes I wonder if I hadn't better feel an' see if I ain't in bed," exclaimed Mr. Slug Slavin, as his furtive eye glanced over the rapidly arriving neighbors, and he continued, "On th' square, if politics wasn't such a lot of bull I'd believe I was in a trance about half th' time."

"Here I've been for a couple of years wonderin' if we wouldn't be at war with Germany or somebody else before mornin' broke again, wonderin' how Wilson was a-goin' to keep us out of th' European slaughter house an' at th' same time make th' kaiser understand that he'd been talkin' long enough, an' he could now shut up an' pull his freight, or quit blowin' up passenger boats; an' a lot of Judases right here in th' good ole U. S. A., instead of standin' by their president an' th' best country they ever knew or will ever get to know, they was a-doin' their blamdest for th' king an' kaiser kind of government. Kin you beat it?"

"You know I like Germans awright. All us Irish like Germans. We can fight with each other an' get along better than any people you ever heard of. Th' gink that thinks th' Irish ad th' Dutch they don't amount to much, has another think a-comin' to him. After th' Irish there ain't no better people than th' Dutch. Th' only trouble with th' Irish is they have been eatin' out of th' kaiser's hand too long. If they'd been in Ireland like us Irish fightin' for five hundred years for our liberty, they'd be ready to kick th' kaiser in th' slats instead of fightin' for him an' his kind. If they was a-fightin' for their country just like us Irish is always on th' job in th' Emerald Isle, I'd be for them from hell to breakfast.

#### A Stiff Upper Lip

"Well, anyhow, while all of us in this country has been wonderin' an' sayin' we don't want to fight but if th' president says, 'Come on everybody an' take a hand,' I guess you'd a-found most of us out in front an' with enough of 'preparedness' around to make a pretty decent showin'. An', bo, take it from me, it certainly looked like th' main event was a-goin' to be pulled off on several different occasions. If we hadn't had a guy as president that had a stiff upper lip and th' right kind of a punch with him, we sure would have been in a fine mess today. What?"

"Not only that, but now an' then some smart aleck comes along an' says he's been as far away from home as South Chicago, an' he says, 'It's just awful how some of them there foreigners talks about us, an' some of them laughs at us. An' I know they do because I saw them talkin' an' laughin' at me, an' I'm sure it's because they don't like President Wilson.' Well, we sure do grow some queer freaks in this country. God knows we do. It must be th' sins of th' parents bein' visited on us, but whatever it is, it's a shame to be lettin' th' likes of these freaks jump into th' yellow papers an' run down their own country."

"Durn th' foreigner I ever heard give th' U. S. th' laugh! Maybe they do it an' kin get away with it down in South Chicago, but they can't if any of us ever hears about it. There ain't nobody what knows what it means to be in one of them king-cursed countries an' tell th' natives you're an American that hasn't been through the mill. We sure get th' glad hand. Say, we sure are th' popular children, believe me. Th' American eagle is as welcome as the flowers in May, an' th' sight of an American silver dollar will throw any ordinary foreign nobleman into a convulsion fit! You bet! Believe me, bo, th' U. S. A. is aces up today in every country in th' world, thanks to your Uncle Woodrow! An' any gink that don't like this country

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## ANOTHER DODGE IN ADVERTISING

Being Short of Material, a New Scheme Is Evolved by State Paid Self Advertiser

Another bulletin—just one of many—is now being sent out promiscuously over the state at the taxpayers' expense emanating from a wing of the state board of agriculture advocating the killing of buzzards, on the ground that they "are likely to carry anthrax from northern Arkansas into Missouri." Attached to this only problematic statement is a personal advertisement of the "authority" who recommends this slaughter. Great pains are taken to show that this "authority" is connected with the state board of agriculture and his name as well as that of the secretary of the state board, who also is a splendid advertiser, looms up most distinctly in the foreground. It is expected that the country publishers will fall all over themselves in heaps in order to display the names of those self-advertising employees, whose sole object in life as it would seem from every document sent to this office (and the mails are full of them), is to advertise the names of those who draw a salary from the state for disseminating this "information" and who always manage to have their own names more prominently displayed than the "information" they are giving to a suffering public. Here is the valuable "buzzard dope" as sent out at state expense, but this paper omits the names of both advertisers:

A few outbreaks of anthrax have occurred in northern Arkansas. This disease is usually prevalent further south and seldom becomes widespread as far north as it has this year. Anthrax is equally as bad as hog cholera. Buzzards are likely to carry anthrax from northern Arkansas into Missouri. Shoot the buzzards and burn them!

If the country publishers (the city dailies long ago dropped this self-advertising dope) would refuse to publish, and cut out the personal advertising of such-and-such-a-man in every office article sent out by these state bureau hired men, whose chief aim is simply to get their names into print, no matter how mediocre the "dope" they send out may be, there would be less of such stuff sent to the publisher, every line of which costs him money to produce in order that these same hired men may constantly keep their names before the public at the expense of the taxpayers of Missouri. Print the article, if it is deemed worthy of that much space and type-setting, but drop the self-advertiser's names, and it is a safe proposition that the budding aspirations of a flock of present state hired men who are pluming their wings through the medium of this sort of free advertising, thereby expecting to step into higher state positions, will be relegated to the discard as they should be.

## EDISON FOR WILSON

The Great Wizard, a Lifelong Republican, Tells Why He Is for Democracy

Thomas A. Edison, the electrical wizard, who through his whole life has been a Republican and who in the late campaign supported Teddy Roosevelt, has come out squarely for President Wilson and here is his signed statement to prove it. He writes:

"Not since 1860 has any campaign made such a direct call on simon pure Americanism. The times are too serious to talk or think in terms of Republicanism or Democracy. Americans must drop parties and get down to fundamental principles.

"More than any other president in my memory, Wilson has been faced by a succession of tremendous problems, any one of which decided the wrong way would have had disastrous consequences. Wilson's decisions so far have not got us into any serious trouble nor are they likely to.

"He has given us peace with honor. This talk about the United States being despised is nonsense. Neutrality is a mighty trying policy, but back of it are international law, the rights of humanity and the future of civilization.

"With reference to Mexico, I think the president has acted wisely, justly and courageously.

"It has been said Wilson at first was against preparedness. Perhaps he was, but when convinced that intelligent public opinion was overwhelmingly in favor of it, he changed. That is the proper thing for our president to do. A president defiant of public opinion would be a dangerous man in our system of government."



CONGRESSMAN CHARLES F. BOOHER

opposed to all legislation along the line of national defense; the extreme alarmist, to use a mild term, was as much wrong in the other direction. In the house of representatives, we were fortunate in having at the head of the committee on military affairs a man who thoroughly understood the question. I refer to the Honorable James Hay. And the same can be said of Honorable L. P. Padgett of Tennessee, chairman of the committee on naval affairs. Their untiring work and labor has given to the country a defensive force sufficient for all prac-

some one and the president did the only thing he could under the law, which was to refer the whole thing to congress, and congress responded with temporary legislation that averted the strike. This legislation is criticized somewhat by standpat politicians, and especially by the Honorable Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for the presidency. He said in a speech on yesterday that he believed that legislation ought to be provided to control the question of wages and hours of labor, but such legislation should not be had until after a thorough investigation of the question, and